

**State Court Administrative Office,
Family Services Division-Child Welfare Services**
Presents



2008
Thursday Luncheon Webcast Series

Child Welfare Services is pleased to announce a new series of webcasts on topics of interest to child welfare professionals. These programs are funded by the Court Improvement Program Training grant monies and cosponsored by the Department of Human Services and the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice.

For each presentation, the target audience includes state and tribal judges, referees, other court staff, attorneys, caseworkers, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), and other child welfare professionals. Please feel free to pass this information along to any other groups or individuals who may have an interest.

January 24, 2008

CHILDREN MISSING FROM CARE: AWOLP – AN UPDATE

Program Description: The Absent Without Legal Permission (AWOLP) docket was developed to respond to the large number of children missing from their foster care placements across the state. Since the docket's inception in 2002, the courts and DHS have significantly reduced the number of children missing from care. This webcast will highlight collaborative approaches to locating and serving this population through the Child Locator Service, updated AWOLP court forms, and inter-agency activities.

Speaker Information:

- ***Child Locator Service***
Jennifer Montague, Child Locator Analyst, Department of Human Services
Audrey Walter, Child Locator Analyst, Department of Human Services
- ***“New” State Court Administrative Office forms***
Deborah Marks, Administrative Assistant, Trial Court Services, State Court
Administrative Office
- ***Innocence Lost: FBI Juvenile Prostitution Taskforce***
The Honorable Mary Beth Kelly, Chief Judge, 3rd Judicial Circuit Court

Estimated Length: 1.5 hours

February 21, 2008

COURT-AGENCY COLLABORATION IN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICE REVIEWS: RESPONSIBILITIES AND REWARDS

Program Description: This webcast will inform local courts about their responsibility to help ensure Michigan's compliance with the federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) standards. The webcast will facilitate teamwork between DHS and the courts during the upcoming statewide self-assessment, the actual on-site federal review, and the development of the state Program Improvement Plan (PIP).

Speaker Information:

Mary Mehren, Manager, Children's Protective Services, Foster Care and
Community Support Services Division, Department of Human Services
James Novell, Program Manager, Foster Care Review Board, State Court
Administrative Office

Estimated Length: 1.5 hours

March 27, 2008

SELF-INFLICTED VIOLENCE

Program Description: This presentation will define self-inflicted violence, examine why children and youth engage in this behavior, and suggest how treatment providers and child welfare professionals can help. The webcast will examine the characteristics of families experiencing this behavior, resiliency factors in children and youth, and current treatment options.

Speaker Information:

Terri MacKenzie, Mental Health Professional, Washtenaw County Community
Support and Treatment Services

Estimated Length: 1.5 hours

April 24, 2008

***REDUCING TRAUMA TO CHILDREN DURING REMOVAL
AND PLACEMENT IN FOSTER CARE***

Program Description: This webcast will analyze children's perspective on their removal from their parents and placement in foster care and will include concrete suggestions to help reduce the trauma to children on the day of removal. The presentation will also provide tools that judges, attorneys, and caseworkers can use to help children develop protective factors and benefit from foster care placement and services.

Speaker Information: Rosalind Folman, Ph.D., Developmental Psychologist

Estimated Length: 1.5 hours

May 29, 2008

TITLE IV-E UPDATE

Program Description: This webcast will cover new developments and requirements for IV-E eligibility in child protective proceedings. It will offer a review of problem areas discovered during the March 2007 Title IV-E eligibility case review. Judges, referees, attorneys, and court staff who prepare orders will find this webcast helpful.

Speaker Information: Steve Capps, Deputy Director, Family Services Division, State Court Administrative Office
Kathryne O'Grady, Deputy Director, Children and Adult Service Policy, Department of Human Services

Estimated Length: 1.5 hours

June 19, 2008

***IMPROVING THE LEGAL SYSTEM'S APPROACH TO
LGBTQ YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE***

Program Description: Increasingly, courts, attorneys, and agencies are realizing that the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth are unmet. This webcast will provide basic information, address common risk factors related to LGBTQ youth, and offer tips on how to better engage and intervene with LGBTQ youth to improve their experience in foster care and enhance their well-being.

Speaker Information: Michelle White, Foster Care Trainer/Consultant, Department of Human Services
Seth Persky, Family Preservation Trainer/Consultant, Department of Human Services

Estimated Length: 1.5 hours

**Please feel free to copy and distribute this announcement and registration to
others in your community.**

REGISTRATION FOR WEBCAST ATTENDANCE
Child Welfare Services – “Thursday Luncheon Webcast Series”

Children Missing from Care: AWOLP – An Update
January 24, 2008

Registration ends: January 7, 2008

***Court-Agency Collaboration in Child and Family Service Reviews:
Responsibilities and Rewards***
February 21, 2008

Registration ends: February 4, 2008

Self-Inflicted Violence
March 27, 2008

Registration ends: March 10, 2008

***Reducing Trauma to Children During Removal and Placement
in Foster Care***
April 24, 2008

Registration ends: April 7, 2008

Title IV-E Update
May 29, 2008

Registration ends: May 12, 2008

Improving the Legal System’s Approach to LGBTQ Youth in Foster Care
June 19, 2008

Registration ends: June 2, 2008

Registration for all webcasts will be available beginning December 13, 2007.

TO REGISTER FOR AN UPCOMING WEBCAST:

- ✓ Access the MJI website at: <http://courts.michigan.gov/mji/>
- ✓ Click on “**Seminars/Webcasts**”
- ✓ Choose “**Attend a Webcast**” from the drop-down menu
- ✓ Click on “**View Upcoming Seminars**”
- ✓ Click on “**WEBCAST: Child Welfare Services** – [name of current webcast]”
- ✓ Click on “**Register**” in the description box to the right
- ✓ Complete the form as requested and click on “**Submit**”

GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS MAY REGISTER

The format for these presentations will be a webcast. **There will be no on-site audience at these presentations.**

CONFIRMATION:

Registrants will receive an e-mail confirmation and further webcast details approximately two weeks before the webcast.

LARGE GROUP VIEWING OF WEBCAST:

If your court or office is interested in setting up a room to accommodate a large group for webcast viewing and you require technical assistance, please contact your network administrator or Cathy Weitzel at weitzelc@courts.mi.gov for further information. Only ONE person needs to register online as a representative for the viewing group. Information pertaining to the webcast will be e-mailed to the registered representative.

TO VIEW AN ARCHIVE WEBCAST AT A LATER DATE: (available approximately two weeks following the live presentation.)

- ✓ Access the MJI website at: <http://courts.michigan.gov/mji/>
- ✓ Click on “**Seminars/Webcasts**”
- ✓ Choose “**Attend a Webcast**” from the drop-down menu
- ✓ Click on “**Library of Archived Webcasts**” and select “**Family**”
- ✓ Scroll to “**Child Welfare Services**” and locate the archived webcast from the list
- ✓ Click on your selection and follow the registration process

Live or archived webcast sessions can only be viewed from a computer with a sound card.

QUESTIONS:

If you have questions about the **webcast technology**, please contact Cathy Weitzel at 517-373-7510 or weitzelc@courts.mi.gov. If you have questions concerning the **program**, contact Carol Siemon, at 517-373-8995 or siemonc@courts.mi.gov. If you have questions regarding the **registration process**, please contact Joy Thelen, at 517-373-5322 or thelenj@courts.mi.gov.

If you plan to view the archived webcast AFTER the session date you do not need to register in advance. You will still need to register to gain access. Archived webcasts will be available on the MJI website approximately two weeks following the live presentation.

Please test your computer for webcast compatibility using the “test” option in the “**Attend a Webcast**” menu or simply try viewing one of the archived MJI programs.